THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) According to the information compiled by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, as on 1.7.2002, there were 72 projects costing Rs. 17,846.37 crore, which had been frozen/abandoned/merged with other projects/transferred to private sector. The sector-wise details of these projects are available in the Quarterly Project Implementation Status Report for the period ending June, 2002, which has been placed in the Library of Parliament.

Completion of mega projects

3111. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to expedite completion of all mega projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any agency has been set up to monitor progress of various mega projects and fix responsibility for time and cost overruns and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) All major Central Sector Projects costing Rs. 100 crore and above, including mega projects costing Rs. 1000 crore and above, are monitored intensively with a view to expediting their completion and taking timely action for removal of implementation bottlenecks, if any.

The Standing Committees set up in the administrative Ministries are required to fix responsibility for time and cost overruns in projects costing Rs. 50 crore and above before the approval of the competent authority is secured for the revised cost estimates.

Loans for projects by financial institution

†3112. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.